GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR AIRPORT AT KANNUR, KERALA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three member committee has been constituted by the Government to prepare a report on the proposed airport at Kannur, Kerala;

(b) if so, the salient features of the report submitted by the Committee;

(c) whether Kerala Government had acquired 192-18 acres of land and also notified another 1092-91 acres of land for acquisition for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Union Government about building the airport at Kannur?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the report are as under:

(i) Runway and associated facilities at Kannur can be developed initially for ATR-72/B-737 type of aircraft.

(ii) The proposed airport may reduce traffic as well as revenue at surrounding airports viz. Calicut, Mangalore and Cochin.However, the Committee felt that North Malabar being a very popular beach destination with the onset of mega `Bekal Tourism Project`, the construction of an airport at Kannur will give impetus to the promotion of tourism in Kerala.

(iii) Cost of ultimate development of new airport is more than Rs.560 crores and is not economically viable. Therefore, the Committee recommended for the construction of airport in phases, commercial exploitation of real estate and marketing of airport through tourism package.

(iv) The equipments for CNS, ATM, Security and Safety services should be provided by owner of the airport.

(c) Information is being collected from the State Government.

(d) Inter-Ministerial consultations have been taken up on the proposal.